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SUBJECT: PARTIAL GRANTS FOR TWO TUNISIAN GRAD STUDENTS

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POST REQUESTS APPROVAL TO ALLOT FROM ITS FY '74 COUNTRY BUDGET TWO PARTIAL GRANTS OF \$2,500 AND \$1,500 ON BEHALF OF TWO HIGHLY QUALIFIED, MOTIVATED TUNISIAN GRAD STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED IN MASTER'S PROGRAMS AT WHARTON GRAD DIV OF UNIV OF PA AND VANDERBILT UNIV RESPECTIVELY FOR 73-74 ACADEMIC YEAR. BOTH ARE FLUENT IN ENGLISH, HAVE SPENT \$100 FOR ADMISSIONS FEES AND HAVE SHOWN CONS OFF AND CAO PASSBOOKS WITH FUNDS SUFFICIENT TO COVER AROUND \$2,000 OF THEIR ANNUAL EXPENSES IN THE U.S. BUT NOT SUFFICIENT, IN SPITE OF OTHER GRANTS, TO COVER ALL. FUNDS FOR TRAVEL ARE NOT BEING REQUESTED.

1. MONCEF BEN HAMIDEN 29, WHO REC'D EXCELLENT GRADES IN ALMOST ALL SUBJECTS AT THE UNIV OF LAUSANNE, HAS TAUGHT A COURSE AT A LAUSANNE SUMMER SCHOOL OF COMMERCIAL STUDIES, HAS SEVEN YEARS WORK EXPERIENCE AS BANKING CLERK, INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN ECONOMICS DEALING WITH THE ARAB OIL EXPROTING COUNTRIES, WELL-ROUNDED, PERSONABLE DJERBIAN ADMITTED TO WHARTON IN MAY 23 LETTER FROM JAMES B. JOHNSON, DIR. OF ADMISSIONS.

2. SAMIR KANOUN, 23, RECENT GRADUATE FROM THE ECOLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE D'ARTS ET METIERS, PARIS AS AN ENGINEER, HAS WORKED SUMMERS SINCE 17 TO PAY FOR HIS EDUCATION, INCLUDING WORK ON A UNCLASSIFIED

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CANADIAN FARM IN 72, INTERESTED IN A CAREER AS A MANGEMENT EFFIA-

CIENCY EXPERT, DYNAMIC, AMBITIOUS SFAXIAN, ADMITTED TO VANDERBILT
IN AN APR 5 LETTER FROM WM MANLEY, DIR OF ADMISSIONS. HE HAS AN
AFME (CU/NA) TRAVEL GRANT FOR ROUND-TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION AND
PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIP FROM VANDERBILT, \$1,500 OF HIS OWN FUNDS
AND NEEDS \$1,500 MORE. POST SEEKS BFS APPROVAL FOR THESE
EXCELLENT CANDIDATES AND HOPES IIE CAN BE AUTHORIZED ISSUE
PARTIAL MAINTENANCE AWARD, \$2,500 FOR BEN HAMIDEN, AND \$1,500 FOR
KANOUN. COMPLETE BIO-DATA SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CABLE.
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